

Goose Lake Association
Minutes from August 13th, 2015

Present: Sue Olson, Jay Olson, Sara Heck, Uwe Heck, Alice Johnson, Richard Jefferson, James Thill, Julie Thill, Christine Steman, James Nieman, Donna Nieman, Mark Knutson, Laurie Knutson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Christy Steman.

Treasurer's Reports:

\$2,781.00 in Checking (7/31/15)

Includes two deposits of \$20 and \$60 for membership dues. Host Networks monthly charge has raised from \$9.95 to \$11.95. There was a \$215.789 charge for managing the website for the next two years that was paid this month.

\$4,418.59 in Savings (6/30/15).

Sue Olson made the first motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Sara Heck 2nd the motion. The motion passed with 12 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Gambling Report:

\$3,511.00 in Checking (7/30/15)

Including cleared checks for \$39.80, \$27.80 and \$49.40 from Braham Bowl's rents that had not been changed; \$211.38 for an invoice from Three Diamonds for games for the fair; and \$205.20 for the signs for the sandwich boards for the Chisago County Fair. Deposits of \$334 and \$537 were made for the two pull tab games played at the Chisago County Fair. The beginning bank for the fair of \$600 was withdrawn and redeposited at the end of the fair.

Profit for pull tab sales amounted to \$871.00. Rent of \$87.10 is due to the Chisago County Agriculture for rent. We were \$1.00 short when everything was audited out.

\$1,000.94 in Savings (6/30/15).

Alice Johnson a motion to approve the Gambling Report and Julie Thill 2nd the motion. The motion passed with 12 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Donna Nieman shared an article from the newspaper from the Chisago County Fair for our donation to Kid's Day that appeared in the newspaper.

There is no concrete news about the opening of the Local Bar and Lounge. Jim Nieman has tried without success to contact the owners. He will continue to obtain current information.

Christy Steman brought up the tax return computer program that Donna Nieman had investigated about a year ago. Donna Nieman reported that the tax returns have been changed by the Gambling Control Board and that the computerized tax return programs are having to be revised to be compatible with the new returns. Jim Nieman stated he thought it would be a better idea to wait to see whether the Local Bar and Lounge opens up before investing in the computer program. He feels that if we only have Braham Bowl as a pull tab sales location that it might not be worth continuing with the licensure. It was decided to table the purchase of the computer program for the time being.

Minutes:

July Minutes were reviewed.

Sue Olson made a motion to approve July's minutes and Mark Knutson 2nd the motion. The motion passed with 12 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Old business:

Chisago County Fair:

A special thank you for everyone who volunteered selling pull-tabs at the Chisago County Fair July 16-18, 2015. Discussion ensued about this year's attendance. It was noted that there didn't seem to be as many people in attendance this year. Throughout Chisago County, numerous cities in the southern part of the county have specialty events that people attend instead of traveling to the county fair in Rush City.

Isanti County Fair:

There was a problem with this year's volunteer communicator this year. It was her first year. They have asked for suggestions to help make things run more smoothly next year. There were several suggestions made. Instruction was lacking on what to do with lost children, how or what to do about impaired drivers. There were 19 volunteers who volunteered approximately 98 hours of time.

Weed Treatment:

The second spraying has been completed and everyone seems to be very happy. Sara Heck asked how to have their shoreline treated next year. Donna Nieman said she has the permits available.

Last month there was discussion about whether we should consider doing the spraying ourselves. It was found out that the DNR has to accompany whoever is doing the spraying.

No Wake:

Boaters don't seem to pay attention to the "No Wake" signs. The "No Wake" sign on Rabour Lake was stolen last Wednesday, August 5th, and has been replaced. The Fishing regulation sign has also been replaced as it was stolen as well. Bass fisherman posed a problem again this year. Discussion about how to find out when they are going to be on our lakes was open for discussion. It was stated that Grandpa Joe's has a partial list of tournaments around the area.

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Perhaps next year we can try and coordinate DNR and Sheriff's patrol with more of these events.

Fall Meeting September 12, 2015 at 10 a.m.:

Presenters Casey Thiel and Jerry Spetzman are scheduled to speak at 10 a.m. in the morning. The presenters will discuss becoming a LID. Elections will be held for Secretary and Vice President. Only paid members will be able to vote during the elections. If you have not paid your dues, please pay them as soon as possible. A potluck will follow the meeting.

Watershed Conference:

There was watershed district conference on July 20th from 7-9 pm at the North Branch Library. Scott Merkel and Leo Chiml went to the meeting. They are not as proactive in our area. They broke down into two groups for discussion. There are lots of differences between Minnesota and Wisconsin. It was a very good meeting.

New Business:

Health and Welfare:

Larry Bylander will be returning to the Mayo Clinic. He continues to have a problem with his vision. Mark Knutson thanked everyone for the card and good wishes. Tom Rikki has discontinued medications. Rick Klick is taking it easy after open heart surgery. Gerry Kasprzak passed away this month. Thanks to Darlene Merkel for taking care of sending cards.

Goose Lake Water Shed Strategy and Protection Report:

Goose Lake Water Shed Strategy and Protection Report has been accepted by the MPCA. We should receive additional information at the Fall meeting.

PICKM:

Save the date....September 21, 2015 at Captains on Long Lake, 278921 Bay Shore Drive NW, Isanti, MN from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Jackie Halberg from Conservation Minnesota will review actions from the past legislative session and talk about upcoming issues of concern to lakes associations and districts. There is an evening supper available. The cost is \$20 per person (reservations required) or you can attend the informational meeting only.

Initiative Foundation Aquatic Invaders Summit Info:

Jeff Forester sent out a mailing about grants available for Aquatic Invasive Species with a September 15 deadline. Jim Thill provided the print out and additional information about the organization. There is a \$150 year membership cost. Jay Olson volunteered to find out whether the membership is on a calendar year or whether it runs for a continuous year after paying the membership. It was decided that because of the lack of preparation time to complete the grant application process that it would be best to not apply for anything at this time.

Newsletter:

Sara Heck to put together the newsletter and forward to Christy within a couple of weeks. If anyone has any additions for the newsletter, contact Sara Heck.

Sandwich Board Signs for Spring and Fall Meetings:

Jim Nieman to check on the cost of signs for the Spring and Fall Meeting that might have a way to change the date through use of Velcro or ???

Donna Nieman made a motion to adjourn and Richard Jefferson 2nd the motion. The motion passed with 20 ayes and 0 opposed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna R. Nieman
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